

Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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November 2016

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NOVEMBER MEETING

on Monday 28th

6.30pm - ANNUAL MEETING

(deferred from September because of Recital and Appleton-Seymour)

7.00 PM - THE PIPING AND THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

(please bring some food to share)

at

BULIMBA BOWLS CLUB, QUINN STREET BALMORAL

Jack McCandlish Trophy 6/8 March Competition

Prizes: Senior 1st \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$30,

Junior 1st \$80, 2nd

\$40, 3rd \$30

Test Piece:

Senior: Two 4-parted 6/8 marches.

Junior: Four parts in 6/8 time comprising one or more tunes

Admission: \$5 members, \$10 non members

This month brings our final meeting for 2016.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and hope to see you all again next year. Watch the website (qhps.org), Facebook (@QldHPS) and the Newsletter for details of our 2017 program

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October Meeting

Our October meeting featured once again the Julie Appleton-Seymour Memorial contest in the elegant surroundings of the dining hall at Emmanuel College at the University of Queensland. We had a great turnout of around sixty and a great feast of air, hornpipe and jig playing. We had an apology from Beattie Thornton.

Our judges for the evening were Murray Blair from Melbourne and Roddy MacDonald, well known to many as Pipe Major of the Queensland Police Pipe Band.

Tom McGirr did the MC duties for the evening and after a few opening remarks and introducing the judges he welcomed the first competitor, who was our President, Andrew Roach. The first group of competitors were

Andrew Roach
Jim Allan
Matt Fraser
Chris McLeish
Jamie Hawke

At this point we were treated to a display by dances from the Thistle Highland Dancing Studio. First a single dancer danced a fling and then three dancers danced a Hornpipe in the New Zealand style in honour of Julie Appleton-Seymour. This was followed by an excellent supper supplied by the college kitchen.

The contest resumed with Wayne Kennedy, followed by

Jason Palfrey
Stuart Easton
Chris Cloete
Nick Tomkins

While we waited for the judges to finish their deliberations, Patron Maurie DeHayr was prevailed upon to draw the raffle which was won by Tom Spiranac. The prize was a handsome boxed bottle of Johnnie Walker Black donated by Amy Roach-Travel Associates.

Roddy MacDonald gave some comments from the judges on the performances, congratulating the players on great instruments and playing but issuing a caution about making sure to honour the original composers' intent when rearranging tunes. He told the story behind the tune Samantha's Lullaby, which had been played by Wayne Kennedy.

The judges having made their decision, the MC called the winners to the stage to receive trophies and congratulations from Byron Seymour as follows:

1st Stuart Easton
2nd Jamie Hawke
3rd Andrew Roach

All competitors were then invited to the stage for final applause and Byron Seymour presented Andrew Roach with a gift for his efforts in organising the contest.

Calendar

November 28(Mon)
Jack McCandlish
Trophy
(6/8's)

Meetings at Bulimba
Bowls Club except as
specified.

**Piobaireachd Group at
Rosedale High School**

December 4



*The Bench:
Roddy MacDonald
and Murray Blair*



L to R: Byron Appleton-Seymour, Tom McGirr, Andrew Roach, Matt Fraser, Stuart Easton, Jamie Hawke, Chris Cloete, Nick Tomkins, Chris McLeish, Jim Allan, Roddy MacDonald, Wayne Kennedy, Murray Blair, Jason Palfrey



*Andrew Roach,
Stuart Easton,
Byron Appleton-Seymour and
Jamie Hawke*

QHPS Piobaireachd Group

Rochdale State High School, Priestdale Road

Our annual recital on 6th of November was a success once again. Those who read last month's newsletter will have been aware of the format for the day, who participated and what tunes were played, so I will not repeat those details now. The program ran to time and we have Alex and Desley McConnell to thank for their assistance in handling those seemingly minor but vital details that are necessary for a smooth running event.

Significantly, people came from as far away as, Sydney, Townsville, Longreach, Warwick, Toowoomba and the Gold Coast, so the music has some dedicated followers. We were also honoured to have Jim and Joyce McIntosh from South Carolina, USA in the audience. They had disembarked from a cruise ship in Brisbane that very morning, and began the Australian leg of their holiday by joining us for a day of piobaireachd. It was lovely to catch up with them, and both were looking very well and immaculately dressed for our sunny weather.

Some very good performances were heard and I must make mention of three in particular: Andrew Roach gave us 'The Groat' on an impressive instrument and in a style to match and our two youngest pipers from Warwick, Abby Dalziel and Jordan Simmers both gave excellent performances of 'Corrienessan's Salute' and The McIntosh's Banner' respectively. It gave me great satisfaction to hear Abby and Jordan play in such a confident and competent manner. They are certainly a credit to their teachers and we look forward to hearing them in the future.

Our last monthly meeting for the year will be on Sunday 4th December from 10 until 1pm. If you are not a regular participant and would fancy coming to give us a tune, you would be very welcome, as you would be if you just preferred to come and listen. On the other hand, if you are not a piobaireachd player but would like to make a start, this would be a great opportunity to see how we operate and be pointed in the right direction. We can assist you. Think about it.

Ross Campbell



CONTEST RESULTS

Canterbury (NZ) Solo Championships - Christchurch - 22-23 October

Overall

Greg Wilson

Silver Chanter MSR

- 1st William Rowe
- 2nd Angus Hawke
- 3rd Malcolm Galloway
- 4th James Wansink

Judges: Alastair Hanning, Iain Robertson, Vaughan Wheler

Former Winners Clasp MMSSRR

- 1st Stuart Easton
- 2nd Greg Wilson
- 3rd William Rowe

Judges: Alastair Hanning, Murray Mansfield, Stewart McKenzie

A-Grade

Piobaireachd

- 1st Stuart Easton
- 2nd Greg Wilson
- 3rd William Rowe
- 4th Richard Hawke

Judges: Alastair Hanning, Stewart McKenzie

2/4 March

- 1st Greg Wilson
- 2nd Richard Hawke
- 3rd Jamie Hawke
- 4th Stuart Easton

Judges: Alastair Hanning, Iain Robertson

Strathspey & Reel

- 1st Greg Wilson
- 2nd Liam Kernaghan
- 3rd William Rowe
- 4th Stuart Easton

Judges: Alastair Hanning, Iain Robertson

Hornpipe & Jig

- 1st Greg Wilson
- 2nd William Rowe
- 3rd Liam Kernaghan
- 4th George Mason

Judge: Murray Mansfield

Glenfiddich Solo Piping Championship - Blair Castle, Blair Atholl, Scotland – 29 October

Overall

1st Roddy MacLeod

- 2nd Bruce Gandy
- 3rd Willie McCallum

Piobaireachd

1st Roddy MacLeod, *Lament for Donald Duaghal Mackay*

2nd Stuart Liddell, *Lament for the Children*

3rd Iain Speirs, *Nameless, Cherede Darievea*

4th Jack Lee, *Lament for Ronald MacDonald of Morar*

5th Bruce Gandy, *Scarce of Fishing*

Judges: Iain MacFadyen, Willie Morrison, Jack Taylor

March, Strathspey & Reel

1st Willie McCallum

2nd Bruce Gandy

3rd Angus MacColl

4th Finlay Johnston

5th Iain Speirs

Judges: Ian Duncan, Iain MacLellan, Iain Morrison

Other competitors: Alasdair Henderson and Ian K. MacDonald

Balvenie Medal for services to piping

Tom Speirs

Scottish Piping Society of London Competition - Kensington Conference Centre, London - 5 November

Bratach Gorm

1st Callum Beaumont, *Craigellachie*

2nd Finlay Johnston, *MacLeod of MacLeod's Lament*

3rd Jack Lee, *Lord Lovat's Lament*

4th Iain Speirs, *Scarce of Fishing*

5th Faye Henderson, *The Phantom Piper of*

Corrieyairack

Judges: Colin MacLellan, John Wilson, Bob Worrall

Open Piobaireachd (William Gillies Memorial)

1st Andrew Hayes, *MacNeill of Barra's March*

2nd Craig Sutherland, *Park Piobaireachd No 2*

3rd Alan Bevan, *Lament for Ronald MacDonald of Morar*

4th Callum Beaumont

5th Jamie Forrester

Judges: Alan Forbes, Jack Taylor, Andrew Wright

Premier and A-Grade

MSR (London Medallion / John MacFadyen Quaich)

1st Gordon Walker

2nd Stuart Liddell

3rd Cameron Drummond

4th Callum Beaumont

5th Iain Speirs

Judges: Jimmy Banks, Iain MacLellan, Bob Worrall

March (J.B. Robertson Rose Bowl)

1st Roddy MacLeod

2nd Alasdair Henderson

3rd Willie McCallum

4th Cameron Drummond

5th Finlay Johnston

Judges: Jimmy Banks, Iain McLellan, Bob Worrall

Hornpipe & Jig

1st Stuart Liddell

2nd Cameron Drummond

3rd Steven Gray

Judges: Walter Cowan, John Wilson

A-Grade

Piobaireachd (R.G. Lawrie Ram's Horn

Snuff Mull)

1st Darach Urquhart, *The Big Spree*

2nd Nick Hudson, *Lament for the Children*

3rd Xavier Boderiou, *The Blind Piper's Obstinacy*

4th Mike Fitzhenry, *Lament for Ronald MacDonald of Morar*

5th Derek Midgley, *MacDougall's Gathering*

Judges: Ian Duncan, Robert Wallace

MSR (Strachan Cup)

1st Sarah Muir, *Allan Dodd's Farewell to Scotland, Caledonian Society of London, Dr MacPhail*

2nd Nick Hudson, *Mrs Duncan MacFadyen, Kirsty MacCalman's Favourite, Neil Angus MacDonald*

3rd Darach Urquhart, *Brig. Cheape of Tioran, John Roy Stewart, Ca' the Ewes*

4th Jamie Forrester, *Ross-shire Volunteers, Piper's Bonnet, Rejected Suitor*

5th Graham Drummond, *P/M Jim Christie of Wick, Ewe Wi' the Crookit Horn, Alick C. MacGregor*

Judges: Ian Duncan, Robert Wallace

Hornpipe & Jig (Mary Flora Beaton Cup)

1st Graham Drummond

2nd Jamie Forrester

3rd Nick Hudson

Judges: Jimmy Banks, Iain McLellan, Bob Worrall

NSW State Solo Championships - Scots College, Sydney 10 November

A Piobaireachd

1st Mark McKenzie, *The Bicker*

2nd Jason Craig, *His Father's Lament for Donald McKenzie*

3rd Garry Barker, *Glengarry's March*

Judge: Sam Young

'A' 2/4 March:

1st Jason Craig

2nd Garry Barker

3rd Mark McKenzie

Judge: June McLeish

'A' Strathspey & Reel

1s: Jason Craig

2nd Charlie Hunter

3rd Garry Barker

Judge: June McLeish

'A' Hornpipe & Jig

1st Gary Watt

2nd Jason Craig

3rd Mark McKenzie

Judge: Sam Young

'B' Piobaireachd

1st Alasdair Caveney

2nd Sam Creed

3rd Harry Walters

'B' 2/4 March

1st Sam Creed

2nd Alasdair Caveney

3rd Graham Durant-Law

'B' Strathspey & Reel

1st Ken McLeish

2nd Sam Creed

3rd Harry Walters

'B' Hornpipe & Jig

1st Sam Creed

2nd Ken McLeish

3rd Graham Durant-Law

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Contests in 2017

Dates of solo and contests next year in our region that are already known are below. Watch this space as the season develops.

March 26	BBC (Bands)
April 14,15	Maclean (Bands and Solos)
May 6	Redlands (Bands)
May 20	Sunshine Coast - Yandina (Bands)
June 6	Ipswich (Bands and Solos)
September 2	Scots PGC (Warwick) (Bands and Solos)
September 16	BBC (Solos)

COMING EVENTS

26 November: Ipswich Thistle St Andrew's Night - Band Hall, cnr Lion and Moffat Streets Ipswich. 7.30pm till late. \$20. Finger food and nibbles only. Cash Bar available. RSVP 26 Nov to 0414 776 361 or secretary@ipswichthistle.com

21 January: Brisbane Clans Pipes and Drums Burns Supper and Dance. Gaythorne RSL.7:00pm. Contact Kate 07 3369 2232

RADIO PROGRAMS

4EB - FM 98.1 – Thursday afternoons 2.15—4.30 pm. Listen any time on demand by going to <http://www.4eb.org.au/ondemand> and choose the Scottish Program
Scottish Program on Global Digital Radio (4EB) each Sunday from 2pm to 3pm.

Radio 99.7 FM (Redcliffe) – Sundays 12noon to 3pm

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Triple T 103.9 Townsville Community Radio's Scottish Program each Sunday from 3pm to 5pm

OTHER PIPING SOCIETIES

The Smallpipers Group - 1st Tuesday of the month at Milton. Contact Malcolm McLaren for meeting details - mrmclaren@bigpond.com or 3820 2902

The NSW Pipers' Society usually meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at Unit 2/10 Hampstead Road, Homebush West, 2140. Contact Adam Wishart – 0409 158 237 or adamwishart@live.com.au

Victorian Pipers Association: <http://www.vicpipers.org/>

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